

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

It is an object to provide an illumination device capable of being manufactured at low expenses and being easily made thin and light. The illumination device includes a light source portion (a light source) 13 and a planar illuminator 12 for emitting light of the light source portion 13 from one surface thereby to illuminate a liquid crystal panel (an illuminated object) 20. The planar illuminator 12 has a reflection surface 12b, on which minute concavo-convex shapes are substantially randomly formed. Surface emission is performed by diffuse reflecting the light irradiated from the light source portion 13 by the reflection surface 12b.